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OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD
Washington 25, D.C.

September 9, 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD

SUBJECT: Draft "Guides for Use in Developing Uniform Regulations for a Particular Foreign Country relative to the Importation and Disposal of Personal Property, the Acquisition and Conversion of Local Currency and the Importation, Operation and Disposal of Motor Vehicles."

A. AGENDA ITEM FOR:

Board Assistants Meeting of September 12, 1958
(Tentatively scheduled for September 24, 1958 Board Meeting)

B. BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the Board's action of July 30, 1958, the responsible agencies, working through the ad hoc committees, have developed an agreed statement on the role of the Ambassador in developing and carrying out country regulations based on the guides relative to the importation and disposal of personal property, the acquisition and conversion of local currency, and the importation, operation and disposal of motor vehicles, which have been prepared by the ad hoc committees established by the Board through Recommendations No. 17 and 18 of the OCB Report on U.S. Employees Overseas.

Each Ambassador will be responsible for the development of regulations embodying these guides which will apply to all U.S. personnel attached to diplomatic and consular offices in the country to which the Ambassador is accredited. State, Defense, USIA, and ICA are currently preparing a joint instruction transmitting the guides to Ambassadors, which will be distributed to the Board prior to its September 17 meeting.

With respect to military command personnel, each Commander of U.S. Unified Commands will be responsible for the development of regulations embodying these guides which will apply to all U.S. personnel constituting his command. Defense is transmitting the guides to Commanders of U.S. Unified Commands under a separate message

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which will be distributed to the Board prior to its September 17 meeting. Defense is also sending the Unified Commands an information copy of the joint message to Ambassadors.

The ad hoc committees which developed these guides proposed, for purposes of convenience of handling by missions, posts and stations overseas and in view of the inter-related nature of the guides developed by the respective committees, that the guides be combined into one paper for agency and overseas use. The Board Assistants concurred that this should be done after the individual committees had finalized their respective papers. The work of the committees is therefore presented in the form of a single statement on guides relative to the importation and disposal of personal property, the acquisition and conversion of local currency, and the importation, operation and disposal of motor vehicles. This statement incorporates agency comment received as a result of the Board meeting of July 30.

C. RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Concur in the "Guides" prepared by the OCB Ad Hoc Committees on Disposal of Personal Property and on Standard Regulations for U.S. Motor Vehicles Overseas, and note that State, Defense, USIA and ICA have prepared a joint instruction transmitting the Guides to Ambassadors for the development of regulations embodying these guides which will apply to all U.S. personnel attached to diplomatic and consular offices in the country to which each Ambassador is accredited and that Defense is transmitting the Guides in a separate message to Commanders of U.S. Unified Commands for the development of regulations which will apply to all U.S. personnel constituting each Command.

D. BOARD ASSISTANTS' ACTION:

On July 18, 1958, reviewed and revised subject "Guides" for consideration by the Board at its meeting of July 30.

E. PREPARED BY: OCB Ad Hoc Committees representing:

State	ICA	Treasury
Defense	USIA	OCB Staff

F. DESTRUCTION AUTHORIZED FOR:

Draft of subject papers dated July 18, 1958, transmitted under cover memo of July 22.

Attachment:

Draft Subject "Guides"
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